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ALL ORANGE PRODUCTION UNCHANGED FROM JANUARY

The U.S. all orange February forecast for the 2004-05 season is 9.65 million tons, unchanged from the previous forecast but 25 percent below last season's final utilization. Florida's all orange forecast, at 162 million boxes (7.29 million tons), is unchanged from the January forecast but 33 percent below the 2003-04 season. The production of early-midseason varieties, at 84.0 million boxes (3.78 million tons), is unchanged from the January forecast.

The row count survey, conducted January 25-26, 2005, shows harvest is lagging behind recent seasons. Florida's early-midseason harvest started late because of the smaller crop and lagging maturity level. The early-midseason fruit sized at an average rate during January. The drop rate, at 18 percent, is above the past 10 seasons' maximum for the early-midseason fruit. Approximately 40 percent of the crop remains to be harvested. The Valencia forecast, at 78.0 million boxes (3.51 million tons), is unchanged from the previous forecast but is 33 percent below last season's final utilization. Florida's Valencia average drop rate is increased from last month to 21 percent. Valencia fruit size increased from the January forecast and is projected to be near average. Arizona, California, and Texas orange production forecasts are carried forward from January.

Florida frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) yield for the 2004-05 season is forecast at 1.58 gallons per box at 42.0 degrees Brix, up from last month's 1.56 gallons per box. The early-midseason portion is projected to yield 1.52 gallons, higher than last season's final yield of 1.45 gallons per box. Valencias are projected to yield 1.66 gallons compared to 1.69 gallons for last season. All projections of yield assume that the processing relationship this year will be similar to those of the past several years.

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February 15	 	 					Crop \	/alue	es
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CITRUS FRUIT UTILIZED PRODUCTION 2001/02-2002/03 AND FORECASTED FEBRUARY 1, 2004 1/

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	Utilized Production							
Crop and State	2002/03 2003/04		Forecasted 2004/05					
	1,000 Boxes 2/							
Oranges, Early Mid and Navel 3/ AZ 4/ CA 4/ FL TX 4/ US Oranges, Valencia AZ 4/ CA 4/ FL TX 4/ US All Oranges AZ 4/	200 42,000 112,000 1,350 155,000 270 20,000 91,000 220 111,490	300 38,000 126,000 1,420 165,720 14,000 116,000 230 130,400	240 44,000 84,000 1,500 129,740 16,500 78,000 250 94,940					
CA 4/ FL TX 4/ US	62,000 203,000 1,570 267,040	52,000 242,000 1,650 296,120	60,500 162,000 1,750 224,680					
Temples FL AII Grapefruit AZ 4/ CA 4/ FL TX 4/ US	1,300 130 5,600 38,700 5,650 50,080	1,400 140 5,400 40,900 5,700 52,140	700 180 5,300 13,000 6,200 24,680					
Tangerines AZ 4/ 5/ CA 4/ 5/ FL 6/ US Lemons 4/ AZ CA US Tangelos FL	2,800 5,500 8,730 3,000 24,000 27,000	690 2,700 6,500 9,890 3,000 18,000 21,000	450 2,900 4,500 7,850 2,400 19,500 21,900					

- 1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with year harvest is completed.
- 2/ Net lbs. Per box: Oranges-AZ & CA-75; FL-90, TX-85; Grapefruit-AZ & CA-67, FL-85, TX-80 Lemons-76, Tangelos, K- Early Citrus &Temples-90; Tangerines-AZ & CA-75, FL-95.
- 3/ Navel and miscellaneous varieties in AZ and CA, Early (including Navel) and mid-season varieties in FL and TX., including small quantities of tangerines in TX.
- 4/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.
- 5/ Includes tangelos and tangors.
- 6/ 2001-02 includes Robinson, Fallglo, Sunburst, Dancy and Honey varieties; 2002-03 through 2003-04 includes Fallglo, Sunburst, and Honey varieties only.

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January Farm Prices Received Index Down 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point (0.9 percent) below the December Index. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.9 percent) while the Livestock Index is up 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broilers, cattle, oranges, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for tomatoes, dairy, eggs, and broccoli. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average

marketings of cattle, corn, soybeans, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of grapes, dairy, tobacco, and cotton.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.8 percent) from January 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, is 1 point (0.9 percent) below last month but 2 points (1.8 percent) above January 2004.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The January Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 134 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point from December and 4 points

(3.1 percent) above January 2004. Higher prices in January for self propelled machinery, feeder pigs, and nitrogen fertilizers offset lower prices for LP gas, gasoline, and feed grains.

Prices Received By Farmers: Arizona and U.S., January 2004 and 2005 and December 2004

			Arizona		United States				
Commodity	Unit	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005		
		Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month	Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month		
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	64.4	50.4	45.8	62.2	40.7	39.4		
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	148.00	159.00	161.00	126.00	111.00	112.00		
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt				132.00	119.00	118.00		
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	85.00	95.00	103.00	80.10	84.30	84.20		
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	85.00	95.00	103.00	84.80	92.40	90.90		
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	80.00	90.00	100.00	70.20	67.10	70.60		
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	16.00	24.20	25.60	16.00	30.00	28.40		
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	17.20	22.10	19.30	17.40	19.40	18.40		
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	22.90	30.20	30.70	22.80	30.90	29.70		
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	26.80	24.20	27.30	27.30	29.00	30.60		
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	46.30	51.60	51.60	46.10	48.70	50.00		
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	91.00	104.00	104.00	85.40	91.80	94.20		
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	90.60	103.00	103.00	80.90	86.80	89.10		
Calves	\$ Cwt	109.00	120.00	120.00	110.00	122.00	123.00		
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	12.60	15.90	15.70	13.20	16.40	15.90		

- 1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.
- 2/ Not available for Arizona.
- 3/ Mid-month.
- 4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.
- 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
- 7/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

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Index 1990-92 = 100	2003	2004	2004	2005			
Index 1990-92 - 100	December	January	December	January			
Prices Received	114	112	111	110			
Prices Paid	129	130	133	134			
Ratio 1/	88	86	83	82			

^{1/} Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.